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OCTOBER

The fields are harvested and bare,
And Winter whistles through the square.
October dresses in flame and gold
Like a woman afraid of growing old.

— Anne Mary Lawler

October, now upon us, is thought by many to be the most beautiful month of the year. October was the eighth month of the year in the ancient Roman calendar, and that is where the Oct comes from in October—meaning eight.

In the United States, October brings the first really cool weather of Fall, produces a majestic panorama in the woods and forests of the nation, and produces great sports events, with the midseason climaxes of the college football year.

It is the month in which Columbus landed in America, on October 12, 1492. The cornerstone of the White House was laid October 13th, 1792. A prize of $500 had been offered for a design for the White House and James Hoban, an architect from Charleston, South Carolina, won the prize.

Of more current interest, October 14th is the birthday of President Eisenhower and the month also contains the birthday anniversaries of several ex-Presidents, among them being John Adams, the second President, whose birthday falls on October 19; Chester Arthur, the 21st President of the United States, who was born October 5th, and Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th President of the United States, who was born on October 4th.

Hallowe'en, which falls on the last day of the month, had its beginning long before the dawn of the Christian Era. Today, Hallowe'en is not a mysterious observance, and has little religious significance.

The custom of wearing robes and masks on Hallowe'en originated in early times when it was thought that witches and ghosts were most likely to wander about on that night. This is part of the mystic atmosphere which surrounded Hallowe'en among the early peoples, including the Druids who thought the lord of death called together the souls of the wicked at Hallowe'en and condemned them to inhabit the bodies of animals.

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MR. TRUMAN'S MEMOIRS

Former President Harry Truman, whose memoirs are being published in The New York Times, is setting an example for future Presidents. Mr. Truman is soon to release his memoirs, and it will be his own personal story of his seven and one-half years in the White House.

It is good to get a first-hand report, and opinion, from the man who was the top administrator of the greatest country in the world for almost eight years. Moreover, there will be much in the Truman memoirs of historical interest, that will serve as a guide to those who are charged with the responsibility of helping make government decisions in the future.

In his preface, Mr. Truman points out that many Presidents die in office, others leave old or imbittered, and others refuse to write their memoirs for various reasons. Mr. Truman believes that much is lost if the President who is able does not tell his own story, after leaving office.

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PERSONAL INCOME UP IN 1954

The Department of Commerce recently reported that personal income in the United States last year was about two billion dollars more than it was in 1953. This despite the fact that 1954 was a slower year than 1953.

Personal income, nevertheless continued to rise. The total for last year was estimated at $285,368,000,000.

States which showed the greatest increase in personal income totals were Nevada, with a nine per cent gain; Iowa, with an eight per cent increase; and Nebraska and Florida, both with six per cent increases.

States which showed a decrease in personal income totals included West Virginia, South Carolina and Indiana.

Personal income, as itemized by the U. S. Department of Commerce, includes income from wages, salaries, farms, rents, dividends, interest, social security, relief and veterans' pensions and benefit payments. It is expected that the total personal income for 1955 will increase much more than the increase registered in 1953 and 1954.

The slight increase registered between 1953 and 1954 probably reflects nothing more than an increase in population and, therefore, in jobs, and in social security payments, and other benefits. This year's expected increase will be influenced by higher wages, higher business earnings and other normal increases.

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It is difficult to understand events which take place hundreds of miles away, and an intelligent opinion requires careful reading and background knowledge.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Shades of Tom Sawyer!

Hack Willis had just stopped the tractor so's he could cool off at the pump, when a young insurance salesman came up the drive.

Hack was tired of plowing, and needed insurance on his new barn. But he also needed to get that winter rye in fast. The salesman, an eager kid, noticed hesitation. "I come from a farm," he said. "Why don't you look at these booklets—get all the dope—and I'll take that plow a couple of rounds for you."

Young fellow laid off a pretty straight furrow, too. It was almost dark before Hack—sitting in the shade—was able to decide just what kind of policy to get.

From where I sit, to be a good salesman—or a good citizen—it always helps to "put yourself in the other man's place." He may have a different sort of job with different problems ... he may prefer to close a deal over, say, a friendly glass of beer while you might prefer something else. But both of you can co-operate if you make it a "policy" to try.

Joe Marsh

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WASHINGTON NOTES

TRAVELING SPREE

An estimated 560,000 passports will be issued during the current fiscal year which ends on June 30, 1956, according to Frances G. Knight, head of the Passport Division. The office issued only 38,849 passports in 1940, she reports.

U. S. OUTPUT

Industrial production in this country rose moderately in August to a new high. The Federal Reserve Board reported its index of industrial production was at 140 per cent of the 1947-49 base. This compares with a revised and seasonally adjusted index of 139 in July and June.

ATLANTIC FLIGHTS

Flights between the United States and Europe by commercial air lines during July totaled 2,559—a flight even seven minutes—according to Fred B. Lee, Civil Aeronautics Administrator. Pan American Airlines made the most flights, 582, with Trans World Airways second with 440 flights.

MOUNTBATTEN TO VISIT

Another distinguished guest expected in Washington is Earl Mountbatten, Great Britain's Sea Lord, described in President Eisenhower's book, "Crusade in Europe," as a "warm, firm friend."

U. N. REVENUE

Revenue received at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York, from the sale of postage stamps and the operation of a gift shop and guided tour service for viistors amounted to $700,800 in 1954. A special issue of United Nations Anniversary Day stamps will go on sale October 24, commemorating the tenth anniversary of the organization's establishment.

FARM LOANS

The Farmers Home Administration made and insured farm loans totaled a record $293,190,000 in the fiscal year which ended last June 30th. Loans in the previous fiscal year had totaled $292,462,000. About a third of the fiscal 1955 total, $108,500,000, represented emergency loans to farmers and stockmen hit by droughts, floods and other disasters.

PACIFIC DEFENSE

The Foreign Ministers of Australia, New Zealand and the United States agreed at a recent Washington conference that the three nations must remain vigilant in the Pacific as long as the top-level Geneva conference has not been followed by "positive action."

1955 BOOM YEAR

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, predicting the "best Christmas volume in history," recently said 1955 would be a "boom" year of record proportions. Retail merchants—from specialty shops to department stores — anticipate holiday sales to top records of past years.

TARIFF CUTS

The United States will hold forth the possibility of tariff cuts on $2,000,000,000 worth of imports as it bargains early next year for reciprocal concessions with twenty-five other nations.

Hixburg

Hixburg, Oct. 3.- Pfc. John Wilson Hix, Mrs. Hix and little Janet, of Fort Benning, Ga., expect to head for home next Friday, Oct. 7. He will have completed his services in the Army by then.

Mr. H. Lester Sears, Dupuy and Sam, of Farmville, visited Mr. E. P. Sears on Sunday. Mrs. H. L. Sears will begin to teach in Farmville High School on Monday, Oct. 3.

Mr. Ernest Carson attended the State Fair in Richmond from Tuesday to Saturday. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Crote Carson.

Mrs. Lillian Gilliam and Mr. Thomas Glenn, of Roanoke visited in the homes of Mr. Lee Glenn and friends in Prospect over the weekend.

Kinckle Martin's many friends are glad he was well enough to come home from the Lynchburg General Hospital last Saturday.

The Army may scrap its cumbersome atomic cannon.

Around Your Home

By Frances Dell

Bright colors and unusual colors are being used in unexpected places in many modern homes. Shocking pink walls combined with gray and black furnishings was the note of one modern living room and dining room in an exhibit representing the latest in modern decor.

The kitchen in this same house was done in pale rose and lime green. The total effect, to one used to seeing more conservative colors used was a bit overpowering, but not as bad as it sounds.

These new dramatic color schemes can be refreshing and gay. However, remember that, for the most part, they are extreme and to be effective must have the exact complement in furnishings and bric-a-brac. For this reason, this decoration can be quite exp... If money is no object go ... and indulge your taste ... with the help of a good decorator. If, on the other hand, you ... watch your pennies, it is ... ter to go in for a more ... tive decor. In the first place ... of us have pieces of furniture ... bric-a-brac that we wish to ... our homes for sentimental ... Or, we may be making out ... tain pieces until we can afford ... thing else.

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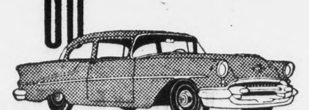

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Stonewall

...wall, Oct. 4.- These cold ... remind us that old Jack ... is just around the corner.

...'t forget that the revival will ... at Hebron Church next Sun... The pastor, the Rev. Colie ... will be the speaker. Everyone ... invited to attend these services.

... and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and ... visited their little grandson, ... Wheeler in Lynchburg Hospi... Sunday evening. Hope he ... soon be real well once more.

... Howlette Drinkard and Mrs. ... Chick visited Mrs. S. L. ... last Friday evening. She has ... returned home from the hospi... and is improving. Hope she will ... be real well again.

... to say that Mr. J. O. David... is improving at the Virginia ... Hospital. Hope he will soon ... able to return home.

... Aaron Smith, of Appomattox ... dinner guest of Mr. and ... L. Chick on last Tuesday. ... Mr. Chick made several ... to some of his members after ... He is pastor of Bethel ... Church.

... and Mrs. Melvin Moore and ... Mr. and Mrs. Budie Golden ... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore and ... were dinner guests of Mr. ... Mrs. Lyle Moore on Sunday.

... and Mrs. C. T. Roach and family, of Buckingham visited her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson on Sunday in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son spent Sunday with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson called in the same home on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Collins, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Mrs. J. H. Beard is visiting with her two sisters in Roanoke for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs .Tom Davidson and son, Edward spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallaec Bondurant, Sr.

Miss Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mrs. Arthur Cyrus spent the week-end with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cyrus, at Concord.

SELECTS WRONG VICTIM

Koshigaya, Japan.- A masked burglar swinging a sickle walked into the bicycle shop of Mrs. Mita Akiyama and shouted, "I want money." Sakae Akiyama, 21, in the shop, twisted the burgar's hand in a hammer lock. He dropped his sickle and ran off screaming. Miss Akiyama is training for women's pro wrestling.

Health and Beauty

Baldness

Baldness seems to run in families and affects both males and females. Many men are bald, especially those advanced in years. The follicles from which the hair grows become destroyed. In such conditions there is no hope of improvement. Those who do brain work and lead sedentary lives usually become bald earlier than those who exercise vigorously and are more exposed to the open air.

We have all seen people who lost their hair as a result of sickness, especially prolonged fevers such as typhoid, intermittent malaria, etc. It is quite common for the hair to fall out during a severe illness from any cause.

Nervous conditions often produce baldness. The hair has frequently turned snow-white as the result of grief, or from a severe shock. As a rule the color is never restored.

Where the baldness is due to a temporary condition, the hair can sometimes be induced to grow back as the health of the patient improves.

Many conditions of the scalp cause the hair to fall out. Some skin diseases are particularly prone to attack the scalp and cause bald ness. X-ray will cause the hair to fall out. If the exposures are not too long continued, the hair gorws again.

Ringworm of the scalp and other parasitic diseases are very hard to cure and cause a patchy form of baldness. This kind of Alopecia (baldness) is very common, especially in Europe.

In order to cure baldness, the cause must be discovered and removed. We do not know the cause of heridiatary alopecia, but members of the same family are often afflicted with dandruff. This is easily spread by using the same combs and brushes or even the same towels.

Scrupulous cleanliness is necessary to hair health. Vigorous brushing improves the circulation and brings the blood to the roots, where it flourishes the hair folicles, and makes the hair grow. Consequently, anything that tends to bring the blood to the scalp helps to cure or prevent dandruff.

When the patient is suffering from the result of illness or wasting diseases, he must be built up by food and proper tonics. The scalp should also be treated by vigorous massage, and exposure to air and light rays.

If the hair is dry, a suitable emollient should be well rubbed in each day. Crude oil or yellow vaseline is excellent and brings good results.

If the hair is annoyingly oily, some tonic containing alcohol is excellent for stimulating the scalp and removing some of the oiliness. This treatment helps the nerves that control nutrition, and brings blood to nourish the scalp. It will often induce a new growth of hair.

USED ALL 3 NAMES

Pittsburgh, Pa.- Mr. and Mrs. Chester Tempalski, expectant parents, pondered over names and decided on three they liked—Michael, Matthew or John. They used all three of the names because Mrs. Tempalski gave birth to triplet sons.

PHONE CRY BRINGS HELP

London, England.- While making a telephone call, Charles Potts heard faint cries for help. He called police, who traced the call to the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, 48, who had lain alone for eight hours with a dislocated shoulder. No one could explain how the telephone wires had become crossed.

WILD RIDE

San Francisco.- Fifty passengers were frightened almost out of their wits when one of San Francisco's picturesque cable cars careened out of control recently, turned over, injuring twenty of them. None of the injuries were serious.

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